

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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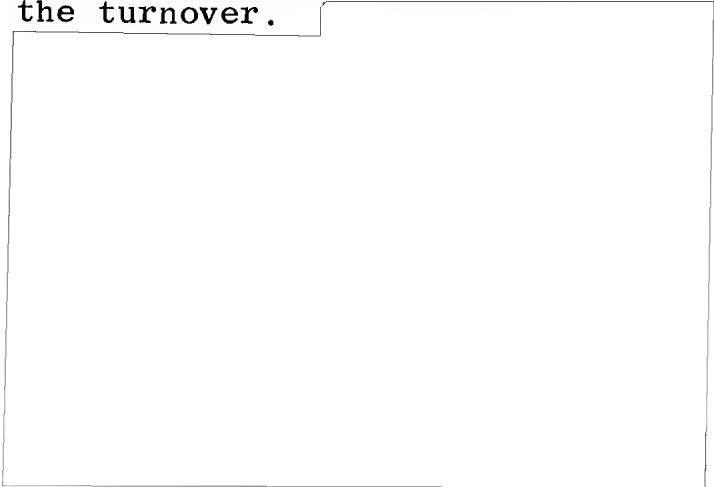
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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. USSR

a. The new leaders are still trying to keep Soviet relations with the West on an even keel.

b. One of their diplomats in Ottawa, speaking "officially," described the decision to kick Khrushchev out as prompted by his impulsive and erratic administration of domestic affairs, not by his handling of foreign policy.

c. He also denied that the military figured prominently in the turnover.



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e. The central committee, which Khrushchev had used once before to turn aside just such an effort to get rid of him, was called into session the next day. This time it did not save him.

f. By the 14th, it would seem, Khrushchev had been cast into the dustbin of history.

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2. Bolivia

a. The accommodation between Paz and Barrientos may prove short-lived.

b. Rioting students yesterday virtually took over the city of Cochabamba, where Barrientos support is strong. They were said to be protesting the arrest of students for antigovernment activity.

c. The disorders threaten to spread to other places today, including La Paz.

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d. Barrientos flew from Cochabamba to La Paz last evening for a confrontation with the President. It is not yet clear how the former intends to play his hand in this new situation. If he tries now to force a showdown with Paz, the result could be civil war.

3. Congo

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b. The Red Cross intends to take advantage of the late show of good will from the rebels by trying to arrange permission for foreigners in the city to send messages to their families.

c. The rebels are stirring again in the east and have reoccupied Beni, to the north of Bukavu.

4. Mozambique-Angola

a. The OAU's "liberation committee," meeting in Dar-es-Salaam, has decided to concentrate its efforts on Angola and Mozambique, largely on the pragmatic grounds that these are the only territories where military action is feasible in the coming year.

b. In Mozambique, there has been an upswing in anti-Portuguese harassing activity.

c. This is the work of the Tanganyikan-based Mozambique Liberation Front which claims some 2,000 men and is supported not only by the committee, but probably by the Chinese Communists and possibly the Soviets as well.

d. The Congo-based Angolan rebels, however, seem to have fallen on evil days despite committee support. The chief obstacle seems to be Tshombé, who has done nothing to help the rebels. They have also long been hampered by poor leadership and vicious infighting.

5. Cyprus

a. Makarios, we hear, has obtained agreement from Grivas and the Greek military officers that they will confine themselves strictly to military matters.

b. In return, the archbishop is said to have agreed to the disarming of Greek Cypriot irregulars, most of whom favor Makarios over Grivas.

c. We doubt that either side will live up to the agreement.

d. After weeks of backing and filling, UN officials on Cyprus think they have a formula which will result in the opening of the Nicosia-Kyrenia road. If true, this could open the way for an early rotation of troops for the Turkish contingent on the island.

6. UN General Assembly

a. Most UN members are apparently resigned to postponing the General Assembly opening from the scheduled 10 November date.

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b. The urge for postponement stems from uncertainties created by the new governments in London and Moscow and from the unresolved dispute on peacekeeping arrearages owed by the USSR and France.

c. Gromyko has said that the Soviets would be prepared to go along with a delay of a "couple of weeks" if others wished this. He was blunt, however, in saying that the Soviets will not pay up. The French are likely to be equally stiff.

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C. USSR - North Vietnam [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Soviet influence is
declining. [REDACTED] many Soviet periodicals,
once plentiful, are no longer obtainable. [REDACTED]

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D. Colombia President Valencia is still worried
that his minister of war, General Ruiz Novoa,
may be on the verge of trying a coup. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Ruiz has indeed seemed to be rounding
up support for an effort to throw Valencia out,
and it may be largely a matter of timing.

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E. Brazil

[redacted] rumors that left-wing elements are hatching plans to assassinate ex-president Goulart in such a way that the blame falls on the Castello Branco government. The scheme may look attractive to these elements, since, if it can be pulled off, it would simultaneously discredit the Brazilian government and make a martyr out of Goulart, who has been lukewarm about their plans to sponsor a new revolution in Brazil.

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- G. Common Market Renewed French pressure for an agreed price on agriculture products, topped by De Gaulle's threat yesterday to pull out if he does not get his way, have put Erhard in a tough spot. Recent domestic setbacks make it hard for the Chancellor to agree to the proposed price levels until after next year's elections, if then.
- H. South Vietnam A late report from Saigon says that armed forces--either Cambodian or Viet Cong--today crossed a well-defined sector of the border and captured three Vietnamese and an American special forces adviser.